

President's request for defense. By my estimation this money was not necessary for our national security, especially when we are cutting nearly every other discretionary spending account as we move toward a balanced budget. I remain unconvinced that our defenses need vast infusions of new funds, and I disagree with some of defense priorities so ardently advocated by the majority.

Ballistic missile defenses receive \$3.3 billion in this bill, which is \$855 million above what the president requested. I don't think there is anyone in this Chamber who would argue against developing and deploying missile defense systems to protect our troops in the field. But many of my colleagues are anxious to embark on a missile defense spending spree that the Congressional Budget Office estimates could cost up to \$60 billion. I would say to them that not only would that be a waste of taxpayer money, but could have the long-term effect of squeezing other necessary defense programs from the defense budget. It would be ironic if those who profess to care so much about our defenses end up undermining them instead.

I voted for a series of unsuccessful amendments to cut billions of dollars from both the Defense authorization and appropriations bills. However, I did vote for final passage of the Defense appropriations bill. While I disagree with the overall spending figures in the bill, Senators STEVENS and INOUE did an excellent job of crafting legislation which will best serve our military. In particular, I am pleased that the bill includes \$150 million for peer-reviewed breast cancer research, and \$100 million for prostate cancer research. In addition, the bill provides a full 3 percent pay raise for our troops, as well as a 4 percent raise in the basic allowance for quarters. Finally, I worked hard to have money added to the bill so that Air National Guard F-16 units can maintain a cost-effective force structure.

In closing, I look forward to the results of the nonpartisan, independent National Defense Panel created by a 100 to nothing vote during the debate on the DOD authorization bill. This Commission will be tasked with reviewing our current defense program, and give an independent assessment of a variety of possible force structures through 2010. We owe it to the Nation to put the Defense Department through the same budgetary scrutiny that we are putting virtually every other category of Government spending.●

#### ISABEL STUDENT HONORED

● Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention the outstanding efforts of a young man from my home State. Ryan Maher is a senior from Isabel High School in Isabel, SD. Recently, Ryan placed second in his region and first in the State competitions to advance to

the national competition for National History Day.

National History Day is a 5-day event held in June at the University of Maryland in College Park. The annual competition is now entering its third decade. Today, 400,000 students and 50,000 teachers and media specialists participate. National History Day is an excellent way to encourage students to be more active in learning United States history.

Every year National History Day is centered around a specific theme. The theme of this year's competition was "Taking a Stand." There are two levels of competition, the junior level is 6th through 8th grades and the senior division includes grades 9 through 12. Categories include research paper, group or individual presentation, display presentation, or performance.

Ryan competed in the senior division with a display presentation entitled, "Dakota Farmer: Battling the Elements." Like other students who were a part of the competition, he spent countless hours researching and developing his project. He incorporated interviews with his grandfather and other farmers from the area, together with old photographs, to tell the history of working South Dakota land. Ryan became interested in the subject after he had written a paper on farming and the dust bowl years of the thirties. This was the second time Ryan participated in the nationwide competition.

Ryan won the honor of having his project displayed in the Smithsonian Museum of American History on Wednesday, June 12, 1996. Projects were judged on several criteria, including relation to annual theme, analysis of information, and historical perspective. The honor of having one's work displayed in the Smithsonian Museum of American History and earning the trip to our Nation's Capital are great rewards to students such as Ryan. I highly commend Ryan Maher for his outstanding academic efforts.●

#### JOHN S. WATSON, SR.

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on July 6, former New Jersey Assemblyman John S. Watson, Sr. died of cancer. A committed public official and compassionate private individual, he will be missed by the entire New Jersey community.

Watson's life was a series of firsts. He was a public official for 23 years, serving at both the county and State level. In 1970, he became the first African-American member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in Mercer County. Seven years later, he became the first black freeholder in New Jersey to be chosen president of a county freeholder board. In 1981, he was elected to the New Jersey Assembly where he represented the 15th District for 12 years. His career in the legislature was capped by being named chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee in 1992; he was the first African-American in the country to hold such a position.

During his years in the Assembly, John also served on the Housing Committee, the Legislative Advisory Committee on Arts and Furnishings, and the New Jersey Capital Budgeting and Planning Commission. As a legislator, he successfully sponsored measures to create the minority opportunity skills training program, a college based computer training program, and the New Jersey pre-college program for high school students.

Assemblyman Watson consistently supported State aid to urban areas, tax reform and programs for the elderly and poor. He successfully fought to establish a rainy day fund to reserve budget surpluses for times when revenue declined. He was also known for his unfailing courtesy to those on both sides of the political aisle.

But if that is how John Watson will be remembered in Trenton, his district will remember him as a caring man who used his political power to aid individuals and families in need. New Jersey will indeed miss his service and his spirit.

The great humanitarian Albert Schweitzer remarked, "One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

If that is true, then John S. Watson, Sr. was indeed the happiest of men.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MOLLY PHELAN OF COLORADO, GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD WINNER

● Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize 17-year-old Molly Phelan of Estes Park, CO. On June 29, 1996, Molly was honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council in Colorado. The Gold Award is the highest honor achieved in U.S. Girl Scouting and is awarded to young women between the ages of 14 and 17, or in grades 9 through 12. To be eligible for this award, one must display outstanding achievement in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. Additionally, a Girl Scout must earn the Career Exploration Pin, four interest patches, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and complete a Gold Award Project of her own creation.

Molly has made outstanding contributions in each of these areas. As a senior at Estes Park High School and a devoted member of Girl Scout Troop 642, Molly completed numerous projects throughout the year. For her Gold Award Project, Molly was an active member of the Death-Day Program at her high school which recognizes those who have died in drinking and driving accidents. She took this issue a step further by making public service announcements on the radio about drinking and driving awareness.

Molly truly exhibits concern for her community and a desire to improve the world around her. She is an excellent role model for all youth and displays

genuine leadership through her Girl Scout projects. I am proud to salute Molly as a recipient of the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE ZAMBRICKI

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to pay tribute today to one of my constituents, Christine Zambricki. Ms. Zambricki will conclude her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists [AANA] in August and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate her on this fine achievement.

Ms. Zambricki has had a distinguished career. She currently serves as assistant hospital director at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, and concurrently serves as director of the nurse anesthesia track, graduate program in nursing at Oakland University in Rochester, MI. Previously she served as director of anesthesia services from 1989 to 1992 and director of nursing from 1992 to 1993 at William Beaumont Hospital.

In addition to these prestigious positions in the medical community, she has held various other high-level medical positions, earned various nursing degrees, and has received many other honors. Just a few of her credits in her profession and in academia include service as president of the Michigan Nurses Association from 1985 to 1987, being appointed by the Governor of Michigan to serve on various State boards, and receiving her master of science in nurse anesthesia in 1980 from Wayne State University.

She has been published extensively and her presentations are far too numerous to list. However, it is clear that her contributions to the nurse anesthesia profession as well as nursing in general has been substantial. Ms. Zambricki has been an outstanding president of her organization—AANA. As you may know, Mr. President, AANA is the professional association that represents over 26,000 certified registered nurse anesthetists [CRNA's] which is 96 percent of the nurse anesthetists in the United States.

As anesthesia specialists, CRNA's administer more than 65 percent of the 26 million anesthetics given to patients in the United States each year. CRNA's are the sole anesthesia providers in 85 percent of rural hospitals, enabling these medical facilities to provide obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services. CRNA's are also frontline providers of anesthesia in underserved urban areas, providing services for major trauma cases, for example.

It is clear that the AANA has been fortunate to have benefited from Ms. Zambricki's outstanding service as president and I take special pride in congratulating one of Michigan's own for having assumed this difficult yet rewarding professional obligation on behalf of nurse anesthesia. I am certain

that Ms. Zambricki has many more years ahead of her in which she will undoubtedly make further contributions to the honored profession of nurse anesthesia. Congratulations Christine on your year as president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RICH DEVOS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, last night Rich DeVos was honored in Detroit at the National Republican Leadership Award Dinner. Unfortunately, votes here in the Senate prevented me from attending. I am particularly sorry to have missed this event because I hold Rich in the highest possible esteem. His life's story is a continuing series of examples to us all of strong character, hard work, and principled generosity.

After serving his country in the Air Force in World War II, Rich co-founded a flying school and commercial air charter service with Jay Van Andel. Three years later he co-founded an import business with the same partner. In 1959, he and his partner founded the Amway Corp. That venture grew to be one of the world's largest direct selling companies, recording \$6.3 billion in sales last year. Rich is also owner and chairman of the NBA's Orlando Magic basketball team.

Having succeeded through his own hard work, Rich has devoted more and more of his time to helping others. His speeches and books spread the word about compassionate capitalism, and he leads by example. He serves on numerous boards, including service as chairman of Gospel Films and the Butterworth Health Corp. He has given freely of his time and money for charitable organizations such as the National Organization on Disability, and for the cause of political and economic liberty.

Rich is the recipient of literally dozens of prestigious awards, including the Adam Smith Free Enterprise Award from the American Legislative Exchange Council and the William Booth Award from the Salvation Army. He is a great friend to liberty, a great servant to those in need and a great credit to the state of Michigan. I, for one, have always been inspired by his work and his character; Rich DeVos is indeed one of our Nation's true heroes.●

#### GOV. WILLIAM T. CAHILL

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on July 1, New Jersey lost one of its most dedicated public servants, former Gov. William T. Cahill. Whether as a New Jersey assemblyman, U.S. Congressman or Governor, Bill Cahill was always ready to fight for what he thought was right, regardless of whether it was expedient or popular. As he once remarked:

It's not the role of the Governor to do what is popular. His role is to tell the people what's good for New Jersey.

Undeniably, Governor Cahill was good for New Jersey.

A blue collar Irish kid from a gritty Camden neighborhood, Governor Cahill was described by both friends and foes as a fighter; he continually battled for the environment, for education, for fairness in the tax system. In fact, his single term, from 1970 to 1974, is remarkable for the number of successful initiatives which he left as his legacy to New Jersey.

Governor Cahill was in the vanguard of both the environmental and the consumer protection movements. He created the State Department of Environmental Protection, the Division of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Public Utilities. During his administration, the State passed the Coastal Area Facility Review Act to block construction of proposed offshore oil refineries and high-rise buildings. Cahill also fought for a series of unprecedented wetlands protection laws and strong air pollution control measures.

His legacy has touched virtually every aspect of life in the Garden State. The Governor's initiatives led to the Nation's first daily lottery, which yielded new revenues to ease the burden on New Jersey's taxpayers. During his tenure, Cahill helped get no-fault auto insurance enacted and established full-time county prosecutors. He more than quadrupled State aid to New Jersey's economically challenged cities.

Bill Cahill never shied away from a fight that he thought would benefit New Jersey. He even criticized then President Nixon, a fellow Republican, for not paying attention to domestic problems such as those that existed in Newark.

In probably his best remembered role, Governor Cahill scored the ultimate touchdown for New Jersey. He helped to establish the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and the Meadowlands Sports Complex, and he personally intervened to lure the Giants to the new stadium. When the New York financial community tried to ruin the deal, Cahill took the negotiations into overtime; he worked with the incoming Democratic administration to assure that New Jersey companies would finance the enormous project.

Yet, some of Bill Cahill's most impressive accomplishments have largely been forgotten. On Thanksgiving Day, 1971, a violent inmate uprising erupted at Rahway State Prison. The memories of the Attica riot, only a few months before, still lingered in the public's and the inmates' minds. Cahill immediately went to the prison; his constant intervention, negotiation and steadying influence was credited with ending the riot, without a single life lost. He was hailed as a national hero for preventing Rahway from becoming another Attica.

With all of his achievements, Bill Cahill could have rested on his laurels and perhaps easily won reelection to a second term as Governor in 1974. Instead, because he believed it was the right thing to do, he launched the on-